

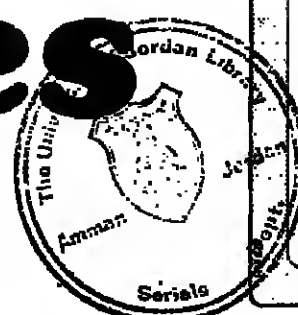


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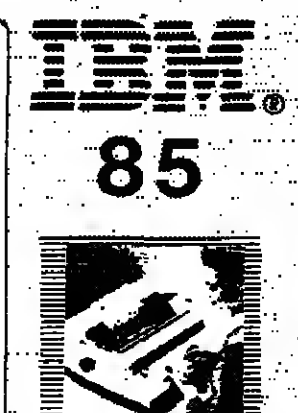
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King sends good wishes to Greece

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a cable of good wishes to Greek President Constantine Karamanlis on the occasion of the Greek independence day. The cable conveyed the congratulations of the Jordanian leader, the government and people of Jordan to the Greek people and wished them prosperity and further progress, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

'Israel tortures Arab detainees'

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli human rights group Sunday accused the Israeli occupation authorities of torturing Arab prisoners and forcing confessions from them in a West Bank detention centre. Lawyer Felicia Langer of the Israel League for Human and Civil Rights told a press conference the Fara detention centre near the West Bank town of Nablus was "a factory for extracting confessions."

Arafat seeks delay for Cairo meeting

CAIRO (R) — Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat has called for the postponement of a conference on Palestine due to open here on Friday, according to Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) sources. They said Mr. Arafat, the PLO chairman, had asked the Egyptian Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee to delay the meeting until May 15 so all Palestinian delegates could attend.

Ghana reports rebel executions

LONDON (AP) — Ghanaian government troops killed seven rebels in clashes, and three soldiers who attempted a coup last June have been captured and executed by firing squad, Ghana's state-run Accra Radio reported Sunday. Announcing an apparent new bid to overthrow the West African nation's military government, the broadcast said that "groups of dissidents" had infiltrated "to create chaos and confusion by attacking vital civil and military installations and personnel."

N.Yemen urges India to mediate Gulf war

NEW DELHI (AP) — North Yemen has sought India's urgent intervention to bring about a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and urged India to take a "bold initiative." Yemen's ambassador said Sunday, Ahmad Mohammad Haider, ambassador of the Yemen Arab Republic, said his government and many other countries of the region were "pinning their hopes on India taking a bold initiative."

Afghan jet crashes in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — An Afghan air force MiG-17 aircraft crashed Sunday outside the southwestern Pakistani town of Quetta, killing its pilot, the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) news agency reported.

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New East Bank deputies sworn in Lower House endorses King's criticism of U.S.

By Aiffah A. Kaloti
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AMMAN — The Lower House of Parliament Sunday voiced support for His Majesty King Hussein's statements in which he deplored American policies which condone Israel's aggression on the Arab Nation and extend military, political and moral support to Israel.

In recent interviews with the New York Times and the CBS Television network, the King said that the U.S. has lost its credibility as a mediator in the Middle East since the unlimited American support for Israel does not qualify it any more as an honest mediator in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In a statement after a regular session Sunday, the House also condemned the strategic U.S.-Israeli agreement which was announced last year.

Endorsing the King's stance, the statement condemned the U.S. policy of supporting Israel "which aims at encompassing the Arab World and associating it with alliances that is of benefit to the Israeli enemy."

The statement also denounced the Zionist lobby in the U.S. for its plans to move the American embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as well as for obstructing U.S. arm supplies to Jordan which are needed for the country's self-defence.

The statement supported the King's call for an international conference to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict with the participation of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

The House also called on all Arab nations, people and gov-

ernments, support and back the Jordanian stance as well as to work on maintaining the unity of the Arab ranks to face the dangers and conspiracies aimed at destroying the Arab Nation.

The statement appealed to the Islamic World and countries friendly with Jordan "to stand firmly along with the Arab Nation in its struggle to liberate the occupied Arab lands and holy places from the Zionist colonisation."

At the outset of Sunday's session, the House sworn in the eight new members who won elections held on March 12, to fill vacant seats representing the East Bank.

The eight new deputies are: Leith Eshbeliat (Amman), Marwan Al-Hmoud, Thoghan Al-Husseini and Fawzi Shaker Daoud (Balqa), Ahmad Al-Kofahi (Irbid), Riyad Al-Nawaiseh and Nazih Al-Ammanin (Karak), and Abdallah Al-Akayleh (Tafilah).

The eight deputies were among 102 competitors out of which 36 voted for the Amman seat, 19 for Irbid, 27 for the Balqa seats, 16 of the two Karak seats and three for the Tafilah.

The new deputies raise the number of deputies in the Lower House from 51 to 59 with only one seat vacant, the Jerusalem Christian seat, which will be filled by

nominations by House members in a session to be held Tuesday.

During the session 115 new laws were referred by the House to the related committees for study and ratification.

Yousef Al-Athem, one of the House members, referred to the government three suggestions regarding increases in teachers and preachers salaries and the establishment of teachers' association.

The House also listened to the government's clarification regarding a requested clarification from Deputy Abdul Baqi Jammu about the government's policy concerning compensation to land owners and farmers who lost the right to cultivate their land between Amman and the Jordan Valley.

In his request, Mr. Jammu explained that a strip of land, nearly 3,000 dunums lying between Amman and the Jordan Valley, has been rendered useless and barren because waste matter from factories and sewers has been dumped in the stream of water used to irrigate the land.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Suleiman Arar replied that the government has no plans for compensation, and pointed out that the cultivation of vegetables, that can be eaten raw, had been banned in that area because it was found to be infested with cholera virus as a result of the pollution of Zarqa water, he said.

Mr. Arar added that the government does not object to farmers growing animal feed in that area as well as trees, and vegetables that can be cooked.

During the session, the House also approved the resolutions of the Legal Committee approving 12 new laws.

Lebanese factions meet in Syria as France begins Beirut pullout

BEIRUT (Agencies) — French troops began withdrawing from Beirut Sunday and Lebanese politicians quickly intensified efforts to fill the security vacuum in the heart of the city before the evacuation of the last unit in the Multi-National Force (MNF) is completed by March 31.

As a long line of French soldiers boarded the ferry boat L'Esterel in the morning, the rumble of rocket-propelled grenade and sniper fire echoed along the "green line" dividing the Lebanese capital into mostly Muslim and mainly Christian sectors.

In Damascus, government officials and Lebanese opposition leaders held lengthy meetings with Syrian and Saudi mediators to avoid a showdown once the French troops have deserted their strategic positions along the demarcation lines in downtown Beirut.

The talks, in which about a dozen different leaders were involved, also dealt with measures to stabilise the security situation in west Beirut after Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militiamen dislodged militias of the mostly Sunni Muslim "Murabitoun" party out

of their positions in two days of street battles Thursday and Friday.

The white ferry L'Esterel began sailing out of the Beirut at about noon (1000 GMT) with French soldiers waving from its deck. Though French officials would not comment on the number of peacekeepers evacuated Sunday, state-run Beirut Radio said 50 of the 1,300-man force and 30 military vehicles were aboard the civilian ferry used by the French army.

French Defence Minister Charles Hernu said the evacuation would be completed by the end of this month.

Rows of French military lorries stood awaiting embarkation on a dockside camp lined with tents, heavily guarded by troops and fortified by barbed wire, sand and rock barricades, and stacks of metal cargo containers to ward off sniper fire.

Unless the militias agree on a neutral force to replace the French, their departure will leave the hostile forces facing one another along a key section of the "green line" that includes the only

active crossing point.

France has said it will hand over its positions to "elements designated by the Lebanese authorities" but there is no indication of who this will be.

PSP leader Walid Junblatt and former President Suleiman Franjeh arrived in Damascus Saturday to join Nabih Berri, head of the Shiite Muslim Amal militia, and a special envoy of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

Also in Damascus was Ibrahim Qolilat, head of the Murabitoun militia.

Sunni spiritual leader Sheikh Hassan Khaled sent a delegation to Damascus Saturday to seek Syria's help in restoring peace to west Beirut. He said that Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam promised him by telephone to do all he could.

President Gemayel's political adviser Jean Obeid and former President Franjeh held separate meetings with Mr. Khaddam, who is also Syria's foreign minister.

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Iraq threatens direct attacks against Kharg

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Sunday it would directly attack Iran's vital oil installations at Kharg Island if Tehran mounted an expected new ground offensive on the Gulf war front.

Following close on Saturday's Iraqi report of an air and naval strike against shipping close to the island, the Baath Party newspaper Al-Thawra said that if Iran launched "its new adventure to occupy our territories and harm our people, our strikes will cover its vital and strategic targets, particularly Kharg Island."

Kharg, strongly defended with a big Iranian military installation, is the northern Gulf outlet for almost all Iran's oil exports.

Tehran has warned that it will

seal off the Straits of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf if Iraq disrupted Iranian oil movements.

Iraq, in July 1982, declared much of the northern Gulf including Kharg Island and Bushire Port to the southeast to be zones of military operations and warned all foreign shipping to keep clear.

Since then, a number of Iranian and foreign vessels have been hit in Iraqi air and naval attacks. A spokesman said four oil tankers and cargo ships were hit Saturday.

Al-Thawra said Sunday Baghdad fully intended to maintain this siege "and will go as far as destroying more vital targets than oil tankers and merchant vessels."

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Egypt renews pledge to support Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Sunday reiterated his country's support for Iraq in its 42-month-old Gulf war with Iran.

Mr. Ali, who arrived here Saturday on a three-day visit, had talks Sunday with his Iraqi counterpart Tareq Aziz and pledged Egypt's backing for Iraq's efforts to reach a just settlement of the conflict, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

Mr. Ali, who also met First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan Sunday, was expected to meet President Saddam Hussein later to deliver a message from President Hosni Mubarak.

Envoy urges U.K. to seek 'balanced U.S. policy'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's ambassador to the United Kingdom, Hani Tabbara, has urged the British government to "use whatever influence it might have in effect a more balanced American policy towards the Middle East."

To an interview (full text on page 1 of a special supplement distributed with this issue) with the Jordan Times and its sister publication Al Rai, Mr. Tabbara also called on Britain to "exert its influence within the European Economic Community to launch European initiative, emphasising that a just and durable settlement is totally in accord with Europe's vital interests."

The envoy appealed to the Western powers, who suffer from "pre-occupation and involvement with internal and regional politics" to "show understanding and appreciate the urgency of the situation" in the Middle East.

"We are giving the West every opportunity to help us and if they do not choose to accept this chance, then we must seek other alternatives," he warned.

Mr. Tabbara said Queen Elizabeth's visit to Jordan "represents a symbolic affirmation of the long and common association and friendship" between the two countries.

On the other hand, the British ambassador to Jordan, Alan Urwick, stressed in a statement (see the supplement) that Britain "strongly shares the Jordanian belief in the need to work for a negotiated settlement of the Middle East conflict based on the internationally accepted principles of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338."

Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip begin five-day state visit today

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AMMAN — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, today, Monday, begin a five-day state visit to Jordan at the invitation of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, who would be the personal guests of King Hussein and Queen Noor, arrived Sunday in Cyprus where they were expected to stay overnight before flying to Amman's military airport at Marka around midday Monday.

No official ceremonies or engagements were scheduled for the British royal couple during their stay in Cyprus other than a reception to be attended by some 100 British officers stationed in Mediterranean island.

Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou and his wife paid a courtesy call on the Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh Sunday evening.

The queen's visit to Jordan will mark the first-ever visit by a British monarch to the Kingdom, and is in return for a state visit the King made to Britain in 1965.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who was expected to accompany the queen on her visit to Jordan, has cancelled his trip because of a special meeting of the foreign ministers of the European Economic Community due to be held in Brussels Tuesday, a statement by the British embassy in Amman said.

The statement added that Ric-



hard Luce, minister of state at the Foreign Office responsible for Middle East affairs, will accompany the queen in place of Sir Geoffrey.

King Hussein is a frequent visitor to the United Kingdom, where he was educated at Harrow school and attended the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst in the late forties and early fifties, and is considered to be one of Britain's closest friends in the Arab World.

Both Jordanian and British officials describe bilateral relations as excellent and Britain has played a key role in the industrial and economic development of Jordan. A number of British firms are actively engaged in various projects in the Kingdom and experts from Britain are employed in various public and private sector enterprises in Jordan.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince

Philip, who will be accompanied by a group of 66 journalists from Britain, are expected to tour places of touristic and archaeological interests in Jordan in addition to Aqaba and various development projects which involve British assistance.

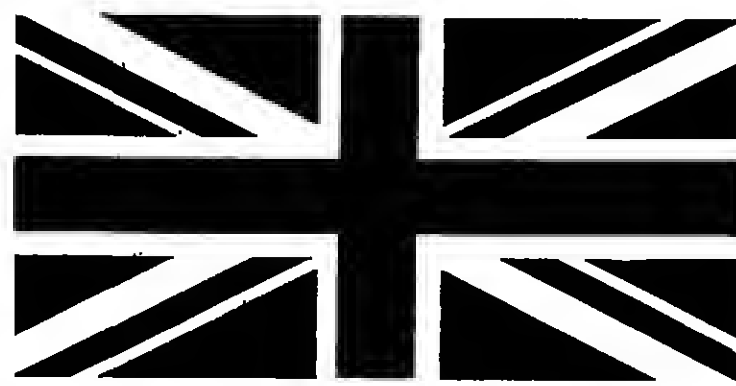
Jordan has mounted an elaborate welcome reception and security operation on the occasion of the queen's visit.

Jordanian and British flags fluttered from every lamp post in Amman and the city was alive Sunday with preparations to welcome the royal guests.

The British Band of the Royal Corps of Transport is scheduled to perform at the Royal Cultural Centre during the queen's visit and the British Council has organised the screening of some of the recent British films to mark the occasion.

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Mubarak leaves Khartoum after talks with Numeiri

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak returned to Cairo Sunday after an unexpected flight to Khartoum for talks on a joint Sudanese-Egyptian air defence system.

Officials could give no details of his discussions with Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri which followed an air raid on the Khartoum suburb of Omdurman nine days ago.

Sudan and Egypt both blamed Libya for the attack but Tripoli denied involvement.

President Mubarak, who flew in early this morning, addressed the same meeting of leaders of the Sudanese Social Union, the country's only legal political party.

He pledged his nation's continuing support and said: "neither Sudan nor Egypt will stand alone in difficult times."

Mr. Numeiri on Sunday offered to begin talks with southern rebel leader Col. John Garang if he ren-

ounces his alleged adherence to Communism.

The president spoke before the central leadership of the Sudan Socialist Union in an assembly also addressed by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, who said Egypt "with all its capabilities" stands by Sudan against foreign threats.

Mr. Mubarak's surprise visit was seen as a show of support for Sudan against Libya, which is backing the insurgency in the south and was blamed by Sudan for the March 16 surprise air raid on the state radio station here.

Mr. Numeiri repeated his offer of reconciliation for southern rebels fighting the central government from bases in nei-

ghbouring Ethiopia, and personally appealed to their leader.

Mr. Numeiri has brought former southern dissident Clement Mborbo into his government in an attempt to open a dialogue with the rebels.

The government has branded Col. Garang a Communist, citing a list of "revolutionary laws" allegedly signed by Col. Garang which refers to his Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement army as a "Marxist-Leninist" organisation.

But Americans and Sudanese who knew Col. Garang, holder of a doctorate in agricultural economics from Iowa State University in the United States, say they believe he may be a "Socialist", but is not a Communist.

These defenders of Col. Garang say that he may have been forced to sign the laws by his supporters in the Marxist Ethiopian regime.

Mr. Numeiri blamed Libya's Col. Muammar Qadhafi for sti-



Hosni Mubarak

ring animosity between Ethiopia and Sudan and between Sudan's Muslim majority in the north and the people of southern Sudan.

The president also said Libya had incited the southerners against Mr. Numeiri's declaration of Islamic Law for Sudan, and was attempting to undermine Sudanese unity.

"Sabotage, infiltration and assassination have become Qadhafi's tools of foreign policy in the Arab, African, Islamic Worlds and in the world at large," said Mr. Numeiri.

Murabitoun favour return of PLO

DAMASCUS (R) — The head of a Sunni Muslim militia which lost all its positions in Beirut to mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) fighters indicated Saturday he favoured the return of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters to the Lebanese capital.

The alleged return of Palestinians to Beirut was one of the stated reasons why the PSP launched an attack on the Sunni Murabitoun militia on Thursday.

Murabitoun Chief Ibrahim Qoleilat, in response to the PSP charge that the militia was bringing Palestinian fighters back, told reporters here: "It is an accusation that honours us and makes us proud. It affirms our commitment to the essence of the Pal-

estinian cause.

"We, as a revolutionary national movement, back the armed Palestinian struggle," he added.

Mr. Qoleilat said the attack on his group was "a treacherous conspiracy" that was not decided locally.

"It comes in the course of a plan bigger than the powers which carried out this conspiracy," he charged, without specifying who was behind the plot.

Mr. Qoleilat said he had arrived in the Syrian capital two days ago to discuss current Lebanese developments with Syrian leaders.

He arrived from Libya, which helps fund his group, and press reports said he met three prominent Palestinian commando leaders there.

The Murabitoun fought alongside Palestinian commandos from the beginning of the Lebanon conflict in 1975 until Israel drove the Palestinians out in 1982.

A PSP spokesman said on Thursday most of the Murabitoun militiamen now were Palestinians and that many of them were captured. There has been no confirmation of the claim.

The PSP said it attacked the Sunni militia also because it was violating the ceasefire with mainly Christian east Beirut.

Mr. Qoleilat said Murabitoun supporters in the Bekaa Valley in east Lebanon Saturday seized two PSP military vehicles that passed by while the supporters were distributing leaflets.

Turks vote in vital local elections

ANKARA (R) — Turks packed polling stations across the country Sunday to vote in local elections Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has labelled more important than general elections held last November to end three years of military rule.

Long delays caused by high turnout and a complex voting system led to widespread complaints by voters, officials said. They said polling stations would have to stay open beyond the 5 p.m. (1400GMT) deadline, setting back the first results until late Sunday night.

The election has stirred keen interest as it pits Mr. Ozal's conservative Motherland Party, easy victor in November's restricted parliamentary vote, against parties barred from the general election by the military.

The non-parliamentary parties, spearheaded by the Social Democrat Party (SODEP) and the rig-

hist True Path Party, are seeking to defeat the three parliamentary groups and prove their claim that Mr. Ozal's general election mandate was invalid.

Public opinion polls before Sunday put the Motherland Party ahead with about 38 per cent, down from its general election showing of 45 per cent, followed by SODEP about 10 points behind and True Path in third place with about 12 per cent.

Political analysts say a result among these lines would probably be enough to dispel any doubts about the legitimacy of Mr. Ozal's government and fend off demands for an early general election.

The importance of doing so led Mr. Ozal to tell a newspaper interviewer this week: "These elections are more important than November."

But analysts say the focus of opposition will swing outside parliament, if the other two par-

liamentary parties, the mildly left Populist Party and the right-wing Nationalist Democracy Party, are beaten into fourth and fifth place as the polls indicate.

One other party barred from the general election, the small right-wing Welfare Party, is also contesting the local elections but appears to have only marginal support.

The country's 20 million voters, who are subject to a fine of 2,500 lira (\$8) if they fail to turn out, were electing some 70,000 local officials from city mayors to remote village "muhtars" (headmen).

They faced a complicated system of voting involving at least three separate trips to the ballot box with different coloured ballots for each level of elected official.

President Kenan Evren, leader of the 1980 military coup, remarked when he voted at a primary school near his palace in Ankara that it took him five minutes to vote even though he went to the front of the queue and knew the process.

"It looks as though the process will not be finished by five o'clock," he told reporters.

Algeria discounts breakthrough in mediation

ALGIERS (R) — Algerian officials Saturday reacted cautiously to reports that Algerians might soon achieve a breakthrough in its mediation efforts to end the Gulf war.

The Algerian government has said little about the results of a visit to Algiers last week by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati at a subsequent suggestion that had shown a more conciliatory approach.

Algeria, which has maintained good relations with Iran, has been involved in mediation efforts to resolve the Gulf war for some time.

But officials indicated Saturday that the main stumbling block on the road to a settlement of the 40-month-old war remained Iran's demand for the overthrow of Iraqi government.

"Are you aware of any change in Tehran on this point? We are not," said one Foreign Ministry official who declined to be identified.

ECWA to discuss West Bank conditions

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — The economic and social conditions of Palestinian people living under occupation will figure prominently during a meeting to be held here next month by the Economic Committee for Western Asia (ECWA).

An ECWA spokesman said that the delegates will also discuss reports by subcommittees on means of offering aid and relief supplies to victims of earthquakes in Northern Yemen and in less developed regions in Western Asian nations.

Other topics on the agenda are: Co-operation among Western Asian nations in development affairs and between these nations and regional organisations and preparation for holding a general conference by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) scheduled for April 16.

Jordan will be represented by an official delegation at the Baghdad meeting, the spokesman said.

Rumsfeld arrives in Bahrain

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — U.S. Presidential Envoy to the Middle East, Donald Rumsfeld, on Sunday held talks with Bahrain officials on means of defusing Middle East tension and ending the Gulf war.

Mr. Rumsfeld arrived from Sanaa, North Yemen, late Saturday as part of Middle East tour to gain what one Arab diplomatic source described as "fresh perspective into the Middle East crisis and the implications of the escalating Iran-Iraq conflict on the oil-rich Gulf countries."

The envoy has so far visited Israel, Egypt, Sudan and the Arab Republic of North Yemen, before he came to Bahrain.

It was not immediately known here if Mr. Rumsfeld would visit Saudi Arabia.

The same Arab diplomat said that the Saudi leadership has been displeased with the U.S. role in the Middle East, largely because of Washington's alleged inability to pressure Israel into responding more favourably to Arab overtures for a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

Mr. Rumsfeld was to acquaint himself with Gulf Arab opinion on the Lebanese conflict, where the U.S. mission has ended in a setback with the withdrawal of American Marines serving with the Multi-National Force.

"Rumsfeld appears to reflect a commendable desire in Washington for defusing the Middle East powder kegs, in Lebanon, in Iraq and Iran, and between the Arabs and Israel generally," added the same diplomat, who refused to be identified.




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EXHIBITIONS

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mographique starts at the French Cultural
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in co-operation with Austrian Embassy
starts at the Royal Cultural Centre.
* "The Jilting of Granny Weatherall"
starts at the American Centre at 4:00
p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Japanese firm wins JD4 m. power contract

AMMAN (Petra) — A Japanese company has signed an agreement with the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) to supply, install and operate two gas-powered generating units at a central power-distributing network south of Amman.

The JD 4 million project is expected to be completed by the end of 1984.

The two units will in eme-

agencies feed the national grid that now covers almost the whole of the country, and will boost the country's power generating capacity especially in the south, where work on a thermal power station in Aqaba will not be operational until 1986.

The contract was signed by JEA Director-General Hisbani Al Khatib and the company's regional director.

King visits army HQ

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday called at the army headquarters in Amman and met the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb, Public Security Director Mohammad Idris, General Intelligence Director Tareq Aladdin and a number of senior officers.

The King also held a separate meeting with Sharif Zaid to discuss matters of concern to the armed forces.

Part of the meeting was attended by Information Minister Laila Sharaf.

Air route from East Germany inaugurated

AMMAN (J.T.) — An air route between East Germany and Jordan was opened Sunday with the arrival here of an "Interflug" airliner belonging to the East German airlines.

The airliner carried on its first flight to Amman the East German deputy minister of communications who is also chairman of Interflug's board of directors.

He was met on arrival at the Queen Alia International Airport by Mr. Mahmoud Balqaz, director-general of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), who presented the German official with a shield from Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline.

A special celebration was held to mark the occasion attended by CAA and Alia officials. The East German official expressed hope that the new line will bolster bilateral relations.

Alia officials said that Interflug will make one weekly flight between East Berlin and Amman via Larnaca and, in May, Alia will follow suit.

Prince opens regional population conference

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A five-day regional conference on population in the Arab World was inaugurated Sunday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The conference, which is being staged in preparation for the international conference on population to be held between Aug. 6 and 13 in Mexico, is being organised by the Arab League and the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) in co-operation with the Royal Scientific Society (RSS). It is being largely financed by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

At the opening session, Prince Hassan said that "this meeting will be studying matters vital to Jordan as well as the Arab World with the help of an assembly of representatives from Arab countries and regional and international organisations who will contribute towards discussing the population issues."

Prince Hassan said that the relation between population and development is very close and that it "bypasses the simplified theoretical formulas because population is the backbone of development." He added that Jordan has been suffering the results of continuous Zionist aggression against Arab people and territories.

In 1948, hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs were forced out of their homes and had to settle in Jordan; the same tragedy occurring in 1967; Prince Hassan said. He added that economic and social development in Jordan has undoubtedly suffered from these population migrations and that Jordan's main concern after these migrations was to provide hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees with their basic human needs.

The Israeli moves to force negative demographic changes did not stop even after 1967. Prince Hassan maintained, Israel resorted to destructive measures and policies to divorce people from their land and to force them to migrate in search of a better life, he added.

Representative of the Arab League General Secretariat and Tunisian Minister of Labour Mohammad Al Nasser, speaking at the conference, said that "the population problem is an economic, social and political problem which is directly connected to the development trends and this is not limited to demographic dimensions."

Mr. Nasser said the population problem also has external dimensions which influences the world economy. He added that the Arab World in its current historical situation requires a comprehensive review of the goals of development, because the principle of economic development cannot guarantee social prosperity.

ECWA committee deputy executive secretary, Dr. Mahmoud Ismail, also speaking at the conference, said the issue of population in the Arab World is one of the most dangerous issues facing Arab leaders "for population is the tool and the purpose of development", Dr. Ismail stressed.

Also speaking at the conference was the executive director of UNFPA, Mr. Rafael Salas, who said that population is now universally accepted as a central issue in development planning and as an area in which government intervention is not only acceptable but often essential if development targets are to be met.

Arab population growth

On fertility and the family, Mr. Salas said since the World Population Conference in 1974, pro-

found changes have become visible in population trends and in national reactions to them. The first feature, he said, is the rate of population growth, which in the region as a whole has been rising from 2.71 per cent annually in 1970-75 to an estimated annual rate of 3.06 per cent in 1980-85.

Mr. Salas said that it was interesting to note that in the same two periods, the birth rate has fallen slightly from 44.2 per 1,000 to 42.7. The implications of this rate of growth are considerable, he continued. "In 1950 there were just under 75 million people in the Arab countries, in 1980 the figure jumped to 163.3 million," Mr. Salas pointed out. Next year, he added, the figure is expected to be 190.3 million compared to 139 million in 1975 and by the end of this century, there will be 290 million people in the Arab World.

Mr. Salas pointed out that, faced with rapid growth on this scale, several Arab countries have decided to intervene in favour of lower birth rates and smaller families. Among them are Egypt, Tunisia and most recently Algeria. Other countries are concerned not about growth as such but about the effects of early and frequent child-bearing on mothers and

their children. He said that the ultimate concern is the well-being of the family as the basic unit of society, and thus with the well-being of the nation as a whole. Among countries following this tack are Bahrain, Jordan and Syria.

Mr. Salas went on to speak about morality and health policies, population resources and migration and other topics pertinent to the population in the Arab World.

Attending the opening session were Minister of Social Development Mr. Abdul Salam Kana'an, Pension Fund director, Dr. Bassam Al Saket, director of the General Statistics Department, Dr. Burhan Al Shraideh, RSS president, Dr. Fakhri Al Daghestani, and a number of officials.

Participants at the conference are hoping that the outcome and recommendations adopted after the conference will represent the region's contribution to the Mexico summit where they want to have "a considerable impact on the review of the world population plan of action."

The conference will be discussing about 25 papers presented by representatives from most of the Arab countries participating.

Trade negotiating team from South Korea due

AMMAN (J.T.) — An 11-member South Korean delegation is due here Monday to hold talks with Jordanian officials on bilateral economic affairs.

The delegation, to be led by Under-Secretary of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chung-Sup Shin, will represent South Korea in a joint committee

in charge of promoting bilateral economic and trade relations.

The Jordanian team is headed by National Planning Council President Omar Dakhqan and includes representatives of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism and the Jordanian Phosphates Mines Company.

Philadelphia Hotel to be transformed into museum

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Municipality has purchased the Philadelphia Hotel and intends to transform it into a museum that relates the history of Amman and its development over the years.

A report in Al Ra'i daily Arabic newspaper Sunday quoted a mun-

icipality spokesman as saying that Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh has also decided to demolish the eastern wall of the old municipality building and to re-organise the flow of traffic in the area of the municipality headquarters.

Special Security Forces stage exhibition exercise

AMMAN (Petra) — A military exercise by the Special Security Forces was performed Sunday under the patronage of Public Security Director Lieutenant-General Mohammad Idris.

Li.-Gen. Idris was briefed by the commander of the special forces on the exercise which included urban combat and hand to hand fighting.

Assistant Public Security Director Brigadier-General Issa Al Omari delivered a speech at the end of the exercise in which he thanked the enlisted men for efficiency and the impressive standard of their performance during the exercise.

He also presented prizes to those excelling during the exercise and in recent training.

Hassan confers with Arab Cities Organisation head

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan conferred at the Royal Court Sunday with Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Adasani, secretary-general of the Arab Cities Organisation.

Mr. Adasani presented Prince Hassan with a copy of a book entitled "The Treasures of Jerusalem" which features the city's architecture and history.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Public Works Rayef Nijm, Amman Mayor Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh and other officials.

Mr. Adasani was later received by Minister of Municipal and

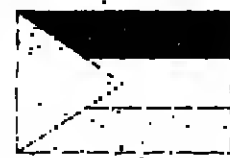
Rural Affairs and the Environment Hamdullah Al Nabulsi who said that his ministry is planning to create a special section to liaise between the ministry and other municipalities in the region and between the ministry and the Arab Cities Organisation.

Mr. Adasani presented another copy of the book on Jerusalem to Mr. Nabulsi.

Mr. Adasani later Sunday left Amman at the end of his three-day visit to Jordan.

Mr. Adasani and his delegation were seen off at the airport by Mr. Nijm and other officials.

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Where insurance cannot be sure

Since the Shah of Iran was toppled, risk analysis has mushroomed. But banks, traders and investors are still nervous, says Christian Tyler.

LONDON — The newly independent Republic of Brodingnag, with its untapped natural resources and generous foreign investment incentives, has attracted a lot of Western trade and capital in recent years.

Today the consumer boom is over and the debt service ratio is climbing fast. Gen. Victor Mac-hismo, head of the 107-year-old "temporary" military government, has promised elections next spring. But strikes and other civilian demonstrations are multiplying. Junior army officers are said to be disaffected. More worrying still are rumours that Lilliputian troops are massing on the border.

Should Western export credit agencies, charged with supporting their national exporters in a competitive but profitable market, continue to write insurance policies on Brodingnag? Will the increasingly aggressive private underwriters in London take the risk? And what will it cost the exporter?

Since the Shah of Iran was toppled in 1979, political risk analysis has mushroomed in the hope of satisfying the demands of nervous banks, traders and investors. For about \$20,000 you can buy an assessment of Brodingnag from one of the (mainly U.S.) specialist consultancies. Or you can buy multi-country forecasts for about \$4,000 a year, a monthly newsletter for \$200 a year.

But even the Association of Political Risk Analysts, a 400-member body formed in the U.S. in 1981, would not pretend that political risk analysis is a science. Unlike fire, theft or even life insurance, where physical scrutiny can minimise risk, political underwriting is an art, and at times resembles the art of the gambler. Some analysts try to quantify the unquantifiable — for example by feeding variables like a country's frequency of government changes, or even calorie intake per capita, into pseudo-economic formulae for rating countries' political stability.

Most provide a more mundane — if highly lucrative — reporting system to help corporate executives with ignorance of modern geography and history, says Mr. Armen Kouyoumdjian, an Armenian economist who is secretary of the association's European branch.

"It's a bandwagon and everyone is jumping on it. But it's not a bad thing," he said. "Some people think that political risk analysis is just forecasting coups d'etat in Latin America. But President Francois Mitterrand's election in France had much greater impact than any coup in Bolivia."

Most professional risk-takers,

like the banks, the U.K. government's Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) and the big brokers and underwriters, have little use for outside consultants.

For example, the National Westminster Bank has its own system for determining what limits to set on sovereign lending. It employs a table of factors and weights.

But banks, according to Mr. Jack Gill, head of the ECGD, can provide his department with "little more than blinding glimpses of the obvious".

ECGD insurance policies make no distinction between political and commercial risk, except latterly for a few large exporters, even though more than half its \$47 billion exposure is in the 147 countries currently graded as risky (categories C and D).

Country underwriters at ECGD depend on embassy reports, published and confidential assessments by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank, for forecasts of national banks in London, and their own visits — which occur at least every three years.

However, this qualitative analysis is increasingly supported by econometric work on the department's all-purpose IBM 4341 computer. Developed by Mr. David Miner, ECGD's economic adviser, the analysis uses 14 weighted economic factors to produce a "Z score" for each market. The aim is to get early warning — perhaps a year ahead of when a country is likely to join the queue of 34 nations who have rescheduled.

The analysis looks at economic health, track record and political stability (but not the system of government); it also takes into account U.K. market share and prospects. Country grading is subject to review by an advisory council or by Whitehall if there is deemed to be "national interest" in maintaining cover on a country which looks a poor commercial risk.

Premium rates for short-term credit take little account of market differences. The exporter pays 58-60 per cent of contract value on all exports, with a 58-60 per cent surcharge for risky markets. Medium term rates range, however, from an average £1.80 per £100 for A category markets to £4.60 per £100 for D countries.

Underwriters in the private market use quite different criteria, although many of the same sources. They are more interested in the exporter's track record and type of business than in the country as a whole. They are more expensive, but more selective too. — The Financial Times news feature.

Gen. Ershad celebrates 2 years of rule

By Atiqul Alam
Reuters

DHAKA — Military strongman Hossain Mohammad Ershad, who today celebrates two years of rule in Bangladesh, is campaigning hard to become the country's elected civilian president.

He is stumping the country from one end to the other almost every day, setting down in a helicopter to address rallies and urge predominantly peasant audiences to support him in a national election now set for May 27.

"I have given you back your lost powers, the powers to rule yourselves, the powers to become the arbiters of your own destiny", the army lieutenant-general told a gathering in the southern town of Madirup Friday.

"It is now up to you to support me. Because your support allows me to fulfill my task of establishing a good society and a stable democracy", Gen. Ershad said.

Opposition parties, which have accused Gen. Ershad of stalling on their demands for a return to democracy, say today is a "black day".

But the newly-created Janadal, a political party which officially supports Gen. Ershad, says it regards March 26 as the "day of deliverance" when the army stepped in two years ago.

That was when Gen. Ershad overthrew the elected government of President Abdus Sattar and promised sweeping changes to rid Bangladesh of corruption.

The date for a presidential and parliamentary election has been set at May 27, but informed sources say the schedule could be changed as the military rulers and the opposition are due to start fresh negotiations soon on the country's future.

A government spokesman said the talks might start from March 26, the day Gen. Ershad lifts a ban on free political activity as he promised in a broadcast last month.

"No definite issues to be discussed in the talks have been put, but the question of May 27 election would be high on the agenda", the spokesman told Reuters.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, a leader of one 15-party opposition alliance, has already questioned the holding of two elections together, saying it is "farce and a conspiracy".

She said Gen. Ershad was trying to stage a presidential poll to get himself elected in a hurry.

"He is trying to push the ele-

ction down our throat without giving an opportunity and time to nominate our candidate", she said in a statement.

Mrs. Hasina and Begum Khalea Zia, another opposition leader who heads a separate seven-party alliance, last week successfully spearheaded a campaign to stop a controversial rural election.

The upa-zilla (sub-district) polls, which were originally due to be held Saturday to coincide with Gen. Ershad's second year in power, were postponed after the opposition called a general strike on voting day and asked people to boycott the election.

The opposition parties alleged the district polls were designed to create a civilian power base for Gen. Ershad in his drive to become elected president.

Analysts in Dhaka saw postponement of the polls as a significant political surrender that could threaten Gen. Ershad's own future.

Gen. Ershad told foreign correspondents last month that the political tide might go against him if he put off the local elections.

"The credibility of my government would be endangered and things will then go against me if the upa-zilla elections do not



Gen. Ershad

take place as scheduled", he said.

But his aides say Gen. Ershad continues to be the country's strongman despite yielding to opposition demands.

"He is going ahead with his plans for future politics and his role as a civilian president", one aide said.

But the aide said that much depended on the outcome of forthcoming talks between the opposition and government and indicated that the timetable for presidential and parliamentary elections could be changed if both sides agreed.

Randa Habib's Corner

Restaurants once again

WELL, IT seems that the problem of the hygiene of our restaurants is not over yet.

I have been told about incidents that happened in two first class restaurants: The first one is located in one of the best hotels in Amman, where three persons went to have dinner on Thursday — a woman, her fiancé and her mother. That night they all had stomach pain and came to a conclusion that "something in the food" was wrong. Unfortunately, the mother had very severe pain, so unbearable that the doctor requested her transfer to hospital.

The tests showed that this lady had eaten stab food and this has caused all those problems. They gave her glucose and said she would be better within two days time. I am sure you agree that a hospital stay and unbearable stomach ache are an expensive tariff for a dinner out on Thursday night.

Another group of young people in full confidence went to a restaurant less "classy" but rated as first class like the preceding restaurant. They decided to take the buffet which they evidently like — the salads, sea food and cold cuts which looked very tasty. Unfortunately, it seems that the food had been lying there earlier than expected or that the dishes offered were leftovers from earlier dinners. All the group were, more or less, sick for the evening, and no plans could be made for Friday.

Once again, I appeal to the Ministry of Health for strict control of our restaurants, hotels and clubs. I am not talking about the effect that the hygiene of our restaurants can have on tourism, but I am talking about each and every one of us; of our children in particular. We wish to be able to take them out with our eyes closed.

Netherlands at centre of Europe's drug trade

By Ronald Van de Krol
Reuters

AMSTERDAM — The Netherlands is one of Europe's main drug centres, but police in the forefront of the fight against international drug trafficking face the stark fact that they may halt only a fraction of the trade.

Despite recent police success in smashing a cocaine ring and uncovering several tonnes of hashish, the country remains a crucial link between drug producers around the world and Western drug users.

While police try to keep pace with increasingly sophisticated smugglers and dealers, they have been fighting an uphill battle since the trade began in earnest here in the early 1970s.

"Once you've got a reputation for drugs, it's almost impossible to get rid of it," John Oosterbroek, chief narcotics officer at the Central Criminal Research Bureau, told Reuters.

The Netherlands' attraction to drug users dates from the 1960s, when Hippies and "Flower Power" devotees flocked to Amsterdam. Drug smugglers still find it attractive because of the large Rotterdam harbour and the country's fast road-links with the rest of Europe.

"We're confronted with heroin from Southeast Asia, Southwest

Asia and recently even from sub-Saharan Africa," said Mr. Oosterbroek. "Unlike most other countries, we get it from all sides."

Last month police smashed a ring which had smuggled millions of dollars worth of cocaine from South America to Amsterdam via Venezuela and Spain. A month earlier six tonnes of hashish, valued at some \$10 million, were seized in Amsterdam.

But these hauls are just the tip of the iceberg. "I think we're able to stop only five per cent of the supply, but an optimist may say it is as much as 10 per cent," said Mr. Oosterbroek.

The Netherlands has about 300 police specialising in narcotics, but about the same number of ships enter the port of Rotterdam every day.

Methods used by smugglers in the past have included hiding heroin in huge consignments of rubber bands from the Far East and cocaine inside semi-precious stones from South America.

In 1983, police seized 150 kilos of heroin and 58 kilos of cocaine, many of the hauls being made in Amsterdam, which has 8,000 hard-drug addicts.

Although police manage to arrest dealers at the lower and middle ranges of the trade, they rarely get their hands on the people who finance the shipments to the Netherlands.

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De Angelis takes pole position

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Lotus experienced mixed fortunes on the second day of official practice for the Brazilian Grand Prix, first event of the Formula One season.

Italian Elio de Angelis took pole position after setting the fastest qualifying time of nine minutes 28.392 seconds but British team-mate Nigel Mansell, fastest Friday, had traffic and turbo booster problems and had to settle for fifth position on the grid.

De Angelis averaged 204.9 kilometres per hour around the 5.03-kilometre Jacarepagua race track.

Fellow countryman Michele Alboreto will line up in second

place on the grid after clocking 1:28.898 in his Ferrari.

Renault driver Derek Warwick of Britain set the third fastest time of the two days of qualifying practice when he clocked 1:29.025.

De Angelis said afterwards he was confident his Renault-powered Lotus would win the season's opener. He said he would start in front and plans to stay there.

The Italian saw little problem in the new rules banning re-fuelling pit stops and limiting the capacity of the fuel tank to 220 litres, saying the Lotus team has done a lot of research into fuel consumption.

Everton, Liverpool draw

LONDON (R) — Everton and Liverpool sent their good-natured supporters home singing in the rain when they drew 0-0 after extra time in the English League Soccer Cup final at Wembley Sunday.

For despite the blank scoreline, the 131st Merseyside soccer Derby was an absorbing affair and few of the 100,000 spectators can be unhappy about the prospect of a replay at Maine Road, Manchester on Wednesday.

The first cup final between the deadly rivals produced a nerve-racking two hours of non-stop action and while Liverpool, chasing the trophy for a fourth successive year, were marginally the better side, no-one should begrudge Everton a second chance.

The first half was the most ex-

iting 45 minutes of any recent Wembley final with both sides creating a succession of chances, the best of which fell to Everton's Adrian Heath.

The little striker, whose speed was a constant menace to the Liverpool defence, beat goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar in a chase for a long through pass and swept the ball towards the unguarded net from 12 metres. But with the Everton supporters already celebrating, defender Alan Hansen appeared from nowhere to clear the danger amid loud appeals for

handball.

Grobbelaar was equally fortunate midway through the half when Kevin Richardson picked up a half-clearance and sent a beautifully struck right-foot volley skidding past the post.

Kevin Sheedy, who spent four years at Anfield, also had the Liverpool defence in trouble when he ended a determined run into the box with a crisp left-footer which Grobbelaar did well to smother on the line.

At the other end, Everton's Neville Southall had to pull off a spectacular diving save to deny Liverpool captain Graeme Souness, while South African-born Craig Johnston headed over from good position after a well-worked move involving Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush.

Rush, the deadliest marksman in England with 35 goals this season, should have added two more to his tally in the space of three minutes midway through the second half. Liverpool forced a corner when Southall turned away a sweet left-footer from Dalglish and Alan Kennedy's low cross from the left found Rush unmarked three metres out.

The Welshman would normally accept such an offering blindfolded and wearing leg chains, but with the goal at his mercy he contrived to slam the ball widely over the bar.

IAAF adopts outdoor Grand Prix

NEW YORK (AP) — The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the world governing body of track and field, announced Saturday the adoption of the sport's first worldwide outdoor Grand Prix, to begin in 1985.

Primo Nebiolo of Italy, president of the IAAF, said the Grand Prix would consist of 12 to 14 meets, most of them in Europe.

He said there would be a point scoring system for individual events and an overall individual championship, probably similar to the format to the indoor and outdoor Grand Prix competition which has been contested in the United States for the past three years.

John Holt, general secretary of

the IAAF, said all the details of the organisation's Grand Prix would be determined at the group's congress meeting in Los Angeles during the Summer Olympics.

He also said that the Grand Prix would not conflict with the current permit meets now being held during the summer, mostly in Europe.

Holt said there would be prize money and participation money, with the money going into an athlete's trust fund.

"We think the Grand Prix will be one of the truly great events of the future," said Nebiolo.

Nebiolo also announced that the first two Indoor World Games would be held in 1985 and 1987.

The sites yet to be determined, and the first Junior World Outdoor Championships would be held in 1986, also at a yet undetermined site.

Holt said one of the indoor games probably would be in Europe, the other in the United States, either in Indianapolis or New York.

Nebiolo said that in addition to the two U.S. cities, sites expressing an interest in staging the indoor games included Paris, Budapest, Athens and Milan.

The countries interested in holding the junior championships include the Soviet Union, Greece, Italy and France, Nebiolo said.

Nebiolo also disclosed that there was a residue of \$1.5 million from last year's World Track and Field Championships at Helsinki, Finland. The money will be used for the sport for living expenses and travel expenses for athletes to go to IAAF championship events, he said.

Qatar ensures playoff for Gulf soccer title

MUSCAT (R) — Qatar Sunday beat Iraq 2-1 in their final tie of the Gulf Soccer Championship here, to ensure a playoff between the two countries for the title on Wednesday.

Iraq, two points ahead of Qatar after five matches each before Sunday's game, had needed only a draw to lift the title.

But their hopes began to fade when Qatar, surprise title contenders in the seven-nation tournament, went ahead through a goal by Mansour Mofah in the 26th minute.

Their grip slipped further when defender Basil Korkis, pushing the

ball back to his goalkeeper, instead slotted it into the corner for an own goal just before half-time.

Ahmed Radi pulled one back for Iraq 10 minutes into the second half but the spirited Qataris, cheered on by a crowd of 10,000, fought off attack after attack.

Iraq's Hussain Said, the competition's leading scorer with seven goals, grazed the crossbar with a powerful header in the dying seconds of the game.

But the jubilant Qataris held on for their fourth win of the tournament to keep their hopes for the title alive.

Mandlikova beats Shriver to reach Dallas final

DALLAS (R) — Third-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia reached the final of a \$150,000 tennis tournament with a hard-fought 6-4, 6-3 win over second seed Pam Shriver of the United States here Saturday night. Mandlikova will meet fourth-seeded Kathy Jordan of the United States in the final. Jordan eliminated sixth-seeded fellow American Zina Garrison 6-1, 6-4 in an earlier match.

The first set between Mandlikova and Shriver was fiercely contested, with the Czechoslovak breaking serve in the eighth game. Shriver retaliating in the ninth and Mandlikova striking again in the 10th.

The second set followed a similar pattern, with Mandlikova winning the match by taking the sixth game for the only break of the set.

Both semifinalists in the other match made mistakes, but Jordan was the steadier.

"I don't think we played as well as in earlier rounds," Jordan said. "I think we were both a little tense, knowing the winner would be playing in the final."

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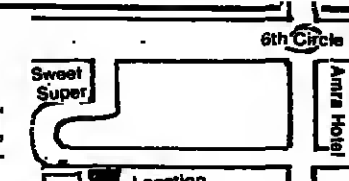
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Salvadoreans vote amid continuing violence

SAN SALVADOR (R)—Salvadoreans voted in presidential elections Sunday as thousands of army troops tried to prevent left-wing guerrillas from disrupting the ballot.

Only Saturday, the insurgents — whose slogan is "No to the Electoral Force. Yes to the Popular War" — killed 32 troops in an ambush. It was the army's biggest single battle loss since December.

On Saturday night the insurgent radio said the Revolutionary People's Army — one of five rebel groups — had begun to sabotage electrical power installations throughout the country. Less than an hour later, the lights went out in most of the capital.

None of the eight candidates in Sunday's election was expected to pull in the 50 per cent vote required for outright victory.

Salvadorean regulations provide for a runoff contest between the top two contenders.

Two years ago elections for a constituent assembly were billed as the only means of achieving peace and there were high hopes for an end to the civil war.

Since then at least 12,000 Salvadoreans have been killed in the violence.

Christian Democrat Jose Napoleón Duarte, a former president tipped to win the biggest share of the vote, does not believe the elections will end the bloodshed.

"Nothing is solved through war ... or through elections," he told Reuters.

Mr. Duarte's main rival is Rubén d'Aubuisson, leader of the extreme right-wing Nationalist Revolutionary Alliance (ARENA).

He has promised to end the war by crushing the guerrillas once and for all.

Two years ago the Christian Democrats took 40 per cent of the vote. ARENA 19 per cent and the Nationalist Revolutionary Party (PCN) of Francisco Guerrero 10. Three other rightist parties polled a total of 12 per cent.

Despite the Christian Democrats' clear margin, control of the assembly went to a coalition of rightist parties led by Mr. d'Aubuisson, who became speaker of the house.

Public opinion polls predicted a similar pattern Sunday, with 2.5 million people eligible to vote.

One opinion poll gave the Christian Democrats 47.8 per cent. ARENA 22 and the PCN 18.5.

Preliminary results were expected late Sunday night. The final vote was expected to be announced on Tuesday or Wednesday.

All the candidates have declared they would not negotiate with the guerrillas on their demand to be included in a broad-based provisional government.

The rebels have turned down government offers of a place for them in the elections on condition that they lay down their arms. In the absence of government guarantees for their safety, they say they would risk being slaughtered by the army.

The insurgent groups operate under the umbrella of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front.

Mr. Duarte, considered the most flexible of the candidates, was categorical in his refusal to share power with the rebels.

"We will not negotiate with guerrillas because we refuse to negotiate with rifles on the table," he said.



Ronald Reagan

Reagan says without aid El Salvador is threatened

WASHINGTON (R)—President Reagan said Saturday a "rising tide of Communism" threatened to engulf El Salvador and could move closer to the United States unless Congress quickly approved more military aid for El Salvador.

"This is the moment of truth: There is no time to lose," Mr. Reagan said in his weekly radio address.

Mr. Reagan's comments were the strongest in his campaign to win congressional approval of \$61.75 million in early military aid for El Salvador and another \$116.25 million later in the year.

The president said there was "an emergency situation" because of guerrilla efforts to disrupt Sunday's presidential elections in El Salvador and a possible runoff election in April or May.

"If the Congress acts responsibly while the cost is still not great, then democracy in Central America will have a chance," he said.

Haig attacks Reagan's inner circle

NEW YORK (R)—Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig bitterly criticised several Reagan aides and implied that the president does not fully control decisions, in excerpts from a forthcoming book which were published Sunday.

Although Gen. Haig praised President Reagan as a man of "sound instincts" and "a nice guy" in excerpts from his memoirs in Time magazine, he described an "administration of chums" with whom Mr. Reagan sometimes sided too readily in policy debates.

Gen. Haig defended his record as secretary of state from January 1981 until mid-1982, and lashed out at a "troika" of aides, including Presidential Counsellor Edwin Meese, now Mr. Reagan's nominee for attorney-general, saying they thwarted his policies.

In one section quoted by Time in an introduction but not serialised this week, Gen. Haig implied it was not clear who controlled the White House.

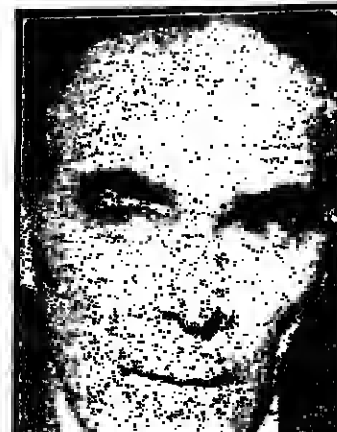
"To me," he wrote, "the White House was as mysterious as a ghost ship. You heard the creak of the rigging and the groan of the timbers and sometimes even glimpsed the crew on deck. But which of the crew had the helm?"

Gen. Haig's book — Caveat: Realism, Reagan and Foreign Policy — is due to be published late next month and is being serialised over a two-week period by the News magazine.

In this week's excerpts, Gen. Haig focussed on the period from Mr. Reagan's election in 1980 until March 1981, when the president was wounded in an assassination attempt.

He also discussed his hard-line stance towards the Soviet Union and his belief that Central America offered a chance to show the Kremlin that the United States had learned the lessons of Korea and Vietnam.

Gen. Haig described a meeting with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington during



Alexander Haig

which he insisted Soviet arms were being shipped through Nicaragua to leftist Salvadorean rebels. Mr. Dobrynin responded: "all lies."

Gen. Haig said he "stressed our concern with Cuba's role as a Soviet proxy" and "Dobrynin complained, 'all I ever hear from you is Cuba, Cuba, Cuba.'"

Basque officials probe guerrilla deaths

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (R)—A local government inquiry into the deaths of four Basque separatist guerrillas in a police ambush opened Saturday amid condemnation of the police action by Basque communities.

The four men died in a gun-battle with police last Thursday night at the small port of Pasajes de San Juan after arriving in a dinghy from France. A fifth guerrilla

was captured later.

As the bodies of the four were transported to their homes in Pamplona and Azpeitia for burial, Luis Maria Retolaza, home affairs councillor of the Basque regional government, confirmed to reporters that an investigation had begun.

"We will do everything possible but I think that only in time will be able to fit together all the pieces ...

and give an opinion on what really happened," he said.

Acting Basque President Carlos Garaikoetxea called for an inquiry Friday after it was alleged that police gunned down the guerrillas without challenging them.

The town councils of Pasajes and Azpeitia have condemned what they said was a disproportionate use of violence by police.

Ershad urges peaceful shift to democracy

DHAKA (R)—Bangladesh President Hossain Mohammad Ershad Sunday called on opponents to co-operate with him in efforts towards ending military rule and returning the country to democracy.

"There will be differences of opinion, but the attitude should always be constructive. I believe given the sincerity and understanding, all political problems can be solved peacefully," he said in a national broadcast to mark the country's 12th independence anniversary Monday.

Gen. Ershad, who came to power in a coup two years ago Saturday and has recently faced sometimes violent demonstrations against his rule, said there was no need for a movement or anti-government campaign when the government itself was willing to end martial law and transfer power.

He said peace was an essential pre-requisite in a transition to democracy and urged opposition political parties to demonstrate a sense of conciliation, tolerance, goodwill and patience.

Gen. Ershad's appeal came only

hours after he invited leaders of the two opposition alliances, headed by Sheikh Hasina Wazed and Begum Khaleda Zia, and the Islamic fundamentalist Jamaat-E-Islami Party for fresh talks on Wednesday to discuss the country's political future.

These groups boycotted talks with Gen. Ershad in February, saying they could not participate until the president postponed controversial rural polls, allowed free political activity, promised early parliamentary elections and granted other concessions.

Pakistani students, police clash after freeing hostages

KARACHI (R)—Students protesting against a government ban on their unions clashed with police here Sunday after freeing five civilian employees of the army taken hostage Saturday, student leaders said.

They said police fired tear gas to break up a student rally held at a college to observe a "black day" to protest against the union ban and detention of what they estimated to be several hundred students in the last month.

The students hurled rocks at the police, they said.

The leaders said the five hostages were freed in return for the release of four students arrested Saturday near Karachi University

in a clash between about 200 students and more than 100 police.

Earlier Sunday, student leaders said they had freed only three of the hostages, kidnapped from a military vehicle near the university after Saturday's clash.

But they later said all five were freed. They also gave up 10 government buses they had earlier threatened to burn if the authorities did not free the four students.

Students also boycotted classes Sunday, chanted anti-government slogans and raised black flags at educational institutions in response to a strike call, their leaders said.

They said the students hurled

stones at government vehicles in several parts of Karachi, capital of Sind province, and burned old tyres and wooden planks on roads to block traffic.

Eyewitnesses said most students stayed away from classes at Karachi University and a nearby engineering university.

The kidnapping of the army employees — courtiers and orderlies — was a new twist in the almost two-month-long campaign the students have led against the union ban.

Martial law President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq has said the ban on the unions, which often act as the youth wings of outlawed

political parties, was imposed to maintain peace in the run-up to national elections promised by next March.

The student protests in Karachi are organised by both left- and right-wing groups, while the Islamic fundamentalist group, Islami Jamiat-ul-Tulaba (IJT) has been responsible for most demonstrations in other parts of the country.

A military court in the north-west frontier province capital of Peshawar sentenced four IJT members — including its president, Maraj Ud Din — to be flogged for demonstrating and for disrupting a rally addressed by Gen. Zia earlier this month.

Charles visits Great Zimbabwe ruins

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Britain's Prince Charles Sunday visited the Great Zimbabwe ruins in southern Zimbabwe on the third leg of a four-nation African tour. The former British colony was re-named from Rhodesia to Zimbabwe after the ruins at the time of independence April 18, 1980. Great Zimbabwe is the remains of an ancient gold-rich African kingdom that flourished until the 16th century. Under the previous white minority government it was official policy to contend the ruins were of Phoenician, not African, origin. As a result, the ruins were of strongly symbolic to black African nationalist leaders in their campaign for independence. Prince Charles, 35, heir to the British throne, has studied archaeology and expressed a wish to visit the ruins on his African tour.

104-year-old man to press for U.S. pension

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (R)—A 104-year-old Sardinian said Saturday he would not give up a claim, rejected by the U.S. government, to a pension for work done in the United States between 1909 and 1921. Metro Laddo's claim was rejected because the U.S. pension scheme was not introduced until 1936, a reason he rejects as "mere excuses." "Reagan will not hear of my being given the pension, but sooner or later he will have to give up. This won't end here," he told local reporters.

Actor Sam Jaffe dies at 93

LOS ANGELES (R)—Character Actor Sam Jaffe, who played the heroic water-carrier in Gunga Din and was nominated for an Oscar for his role in the Asphalt Jungle, died Saturday of cancer at the age of 93, a family spokesman said. Jaffe, who had been in films since 1933, died at his home in the exclusive Beverly Hills district of Los Angeles, the spokesman said. Born in New York, Jaffe toured with a Shakespearean company and appeared in a number of New York stage productions before turning to films.

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